

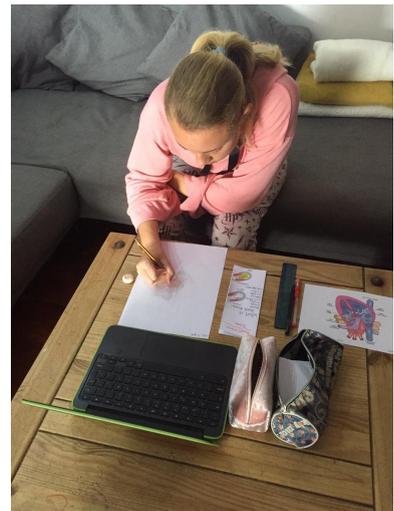
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow! I cannot believe a week of online teaching has passed so quickly! I thought I would be bored during the lockdown but, I'm sure you will be happy to learn your children have been keeping me and all the other teachers very busy!



We have all been trying new ways to teach and give feedback to our pupils. The children all seem to be engaging really well and we are really pleased with how enthusiastic they have been.

We have been trying to keep on top of attendance and monitor the children's work - but this is not quite as easy as when we are in school! Emails have been sent home to parents of pupils not appearing to work - thanks for all the support if we have emailed you!



We are open to any feedback and ideas you may have about how we can improve what we are currently offering to our pupils, so please do email me or the office with these suggestions.

To keep pupils busy and entertained when they don't have their academic work to contend with, Ms Chelsea, had the excellent idea of creating a year 7-9 Talent Masterclass! We have made a classroom and invited all the pupils from years 7-9 into it. In this classroom we want pupils to post short videos of themselves teaching the other pupils something! It could be 'how to juggle', 'how to cook a certain dish', 'how to tie a sari', 'how to rap' anything really that your child could teach another child about!

If your child does not want to post a video yet, they could still go on to the classroom and watch the other pupils' videos! Joanna in year 9 posted a great video yesterday about how to draw a face! It was a fantastic video - I had a go following her instructions (you can see my disastrous attempt on the classroom!).

There will of course be prizes for any pupils posting excellent videos! Hopefully this should keep the pupils a little bit more entertained over the lock down, particularly at the weekend when there is no set work (although many teachers have set project work that pupils can also be continuing to work on).

Lastly, pupils will be sent a survey via their form classroom about how they feel the online learning is going. Please encourage them to complete this so we can get some feedback and try to fulfill all their needs.

We understand pupils working remotely at home must be very stressful for you but I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the parents for encouraging their children to keep working! We are all in this together. Thank you!

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